

Dr. Jack's Wife.

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"Oh, Jack!" "That is all she can say. Words do not count for much at a time like this, but her heart is stirred with sympathy and thanksgiving for the wonderful blessing heaven has sent to bestow upon her."

"You are not to be surprised, Doctor Jack," said the English nobleman, "that I have been so long in the cabin. He is pleased with their hearty congratulations, but desires to avoid their gaze at present. So he draws his nose weeping white-her hair and for joy into the state-room where, with his strong tender arms around her, they can talk in peace."

"Such is said, Jack learns all that has passed since his mishap. He is more than fortive that the English nobleman, whose hands look bold of his ankles, and with such an easy tone sent him overboard, whoever may have struck the stunning blow he received."

"It is thought best, however, not to mention the fact prominently, as he cannot prove the accusation, and it will do no good."

"Later on they go out on deck. To every one Doctor Jack tells the same story, that he was struck on the head and thrown overboard by some unknown party. This agrees with the story the Englishman has told when he sought the captain of the steamer one hour after Doctor Jack's mishap."

Much speculation is indulged in, but no one guesses the truth. Only for the accident to the Panama's arrival, which necessitates a delay of several days at the Port of New York, Jack might not have overheard his wife for weeks. There is a sad lack of telegraphic facilities in these South and Central American countries, and the money is yours. Can you do it, maha?"

"You best! Dead sure!" "I'll be on hand to see how you come out," with which the Englishman dashes into the crowd just as Larry pokes his head out of the Jack window, squeaking in his high voice—

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"Missed it," roars Jack, aroused, "well, there's the dickens to pay." "Whereupon they start, and the driver feels a little uneasy over his position. True, he has the fifty dollars stowed away in a pocket, and that would be a fair haul for a hauler over the coast, but somehow he fears that those tourists would be despised people."

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"This is a very nice idea, but Doctor Jack immediately objects to it on the ground that he has let them stranded at the wrong station. 'Remain in the vehicle, friends, while I run and see about the train. If we are left we may have to go to the Palace Hotel.'"

"The driver grins his teeth at having his plan foiled, but says nothing. He would give a good deal to be able to crawl out of the train just then, dreading Jack's return."

"Doctor Jack is gone just three minutes, and he appears in view, rushing toward them with furious strides, his face dark, his manner alarming, at least in the eyes of the guilty John, who trembles in his boots."

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to the bag, which will take them with their effects ashore. Jack glances at his watch, and notes the time with an uneasy feeling, as though he apprehends trouble. Great traveler that he is, he has not been in San Francisco before, and must depend upon others for a knowledge of facts. Henceforward he may push forward and others the use of his back, Jack points to a couple of leather portmanteaus, and only baggage, and opens the door of the vehicle for Avis to enter. In two minutes all is ready. The driver comes to the door of his order, which Jack gives, he is positive, in plain language. As the fellow turns away, he finds his arm grasped and hears a low, fierce voice say—

"Would you like to earn fifty dollars, man?" "I would like to earn fifty dollars, man?" "I would like to earn fifty dollars, man?" "I would like to earn fifty dollars, man?"

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"Ah! I am proud to meet you, Doctor Jack. I won a wager on your success at that ball fight," holding out his hand. "So did I," remarks the doctor, with a glance in the direction of his wife. "And my favor to you, Doctor Jack, I will be only too glad of the opportunity."

"Then see about the special as quickly as you can, sir. I have a tremendous amount of interest in over-taking that train."

"You will be on board, Doctor Jack, long before I cross the Rockies, if I give you my word; but it may cost you half a thousand dollars."

"A mere bagatelle, sir. If I fail to reach New York by noon on November the fourth, it will probably cost me a million dollars."

"The official pursues up his lips as if to whistle, but emits no sound. 'A very close shave even if you are on time. If it were any one else than Doctor Jack I'd say it couldn't be done.' 'I mean to do my best, and as a general thing I have managed to succeed in the past. This special, sir—'

"I have telegraphed already for the man you must see, and here he comes. An hour won't make much difference. You will have only an engine and sleeper. The dispatcher will make out your schedule and give it to you. Thus you will know just at what point you can overtake the train."

"The driver looks at Doctor Jack, who begins to see the wrinkles being smoothed out of the rough road. He is soon deeply engaged in conversation with the gentleman who comes up. Every one seems to take a decided interest in him when they hear who he is. Sometimes it pays to be famous."

"The arrangements are speedily made, and our little party feel their spirits rise as they contemplate a solution of the problem that has so recently overshadowed them."

"He does an hour count, when with a special they can rush over the rails like lightning. It is astonishing what money can be made in this way. At any rate, it lubricates the wheels and makes traveling a pleasure."

"Doctor Jack consults his watch as they arise from the lunch which has engaged their attention in the restaurant. 'The hour is up,' he remarks. 'Your train is ready, Doctor Jack. See the official to whom he has been entrusted to be despised people.'"

"The small amount of luggage is put aboard, and presently they enter the Pullman sleeper which is to be their quarters until the regular train is overhauled."

"It is not an unusual thing for a special to be sent flying over the coast, and according to the rules of the road, everything gives way to such a wizard train."

"The start is made. Once they clear the yards their speed increases, and presently they are going along in a way that excites Kirke Smith and some anxiety for the Texan, quite as much as the wildest horse one could find, is not much of a railroad traveler, and holds his breath when he finds himself being whirled over some level stretch, or down a slight declivity at the speed of a mile a minute."

"When the locomotive gets warmed to the work, more astonishing feats will be shown. As for Larry, this pleases him immensely. He lies in a chair in the smoking compartment, and uses up numerous packages of cigarettes—a luxury he has been deprived of for some time, owing to the haste of their departure from Valparaiso. The others soon understand the meaning of Larry's wonderful smile so child-like and bland, when he came in with bulging pockets, while they were at the hotel and picks up a message from the conductor, who is in the station, resolved not to be left in the grand hustle across the Continent."

"Jack has secured pillows from the porter of the car, and has a lower berth made up for Avis, who, feeling tired, will lie down for a time. As for himself, he enters into conversation with the conductor, a bright, agreeable fellow, and picks up a message of facts connected with the route across the plains, some of which may prove valuable to him."

"I wonder if, with this open window, I could indulge in a cigar. I don't care to read between the lines of the time being. Of course, we have a smoking compartment."

"Larry monopolizes that," laughs Jack, lighting up. "What! this little man?" "I abominate them; but Larry is privileged. He's a great fellow. Let me tell you some of the things I've known him to do."

"These are numerous enough to cause the conductor to feel the utmost interest in the peculiar little dandy, though finding it hard to understand how a hero can appear such an oddity. Their speed is terrific. At times they seem to actually shoot through space, such is the manner in which a fearless engineer can whirl a special on its way. Doctor Jack is deeply interested in the progress made, and makes a copy of the schedule within the conductor's office, of course subject to change. A red light at a station may bring them to a halt, when a message brought aboard will govern their future movements."

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